(c) In so far as the State of Andhra Pradesh, NABARD has sanctioned 4 schemes under ARWIND and MAHIMA covering 220 women involving a financial assistance of Rs.4.11 lakh. The Shri Anantha Gramena Bank has been chosen as one of the banks for implementation of the pilot scheme under DEWTA scheme. About 1000 women are proposed to be covered over a period of three years. NABARD has supported 13 banks (8 RRBs and 5 Cooperative Banks) in Andhra Pradesh for setting up women development cells.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

IB Report on airport security

4228. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Statesman dated 2nd February,2002 captioned "IB report slams lax airport security";

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) the major highlights of the IB report; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to tone up the security arrangements in the concerned airports including the Indira Gandhi International Airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. As per the existing system in place for inspection and monitoring of security arrangements at various operational airports, Intelligence Bureau led teams carried out inspection of important airports. No major shortcomings have been noticed. However, the team suggested certain corrective measures which, *inter-alia,* related to the height of perimeter wall, perimeter road/lighting, removal of vegetation in operational area, provision of grating for drains, strict surveillance and access control etc. Corrective pleasures have been accordingly taken to strengthen security arrangements at these airports including at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi. A number of other measures have also been taken to further strengthen security arrangements, which *inter-alia* include:

(i) Deployment of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) at all operational airports in a time-bound manner;

(ii) Deployment of Quick Reaction Teams (QRTs) at major airports;

(iii) Ladder-point security check of passengers and their hand-baggage made mandatory; and

(iv) Strengthening of perimeter security.

Request for purchase of aircrafts

4229. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the airlines which have requested the Government for purchase of aircrafts;

(b) what are the details of the proposal submitted by these airlines; and

(c) whether Government have asked these airlines to submit the source of funding of these aircrafts and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN) : (a) to (c) The Board of Directors of Indian Airlines in its meeting held on 27.3.2002 have approved a proposal for acquisition of 43 aircrafts at a net project cost of Rs. 10,089 crores. The Project Report submitted by Indian Airlines is under consideration of the Government. When a final decision is taken, modalities of funding will be worked out.

As regards private airlines the consideration of proposal for import of aircraft by private scheduled/non-scheduled airlines is an ongoing process. At present the requests received from following airlines are under consideration of the Government:

Name of Company	Request
M/s Orient Airways Private Limited	Import of 3 Piper Chieftain aircrafts (8 seater).
M/s Lanlet Airways Private Limited	Import of 3 Beech 1900 aircrafts (19 seater).
M/s Himalayan Heli Services	Import of 1 SA 315.B Lama Helicopter (on lease).

The applicants are required to give proposed financing pattern and profitability analysis with the application form.